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Verdict. After 12 hours of deliberations over two days, a jury found Dzhokhar Tsarnaev guilty of all 30 criminal counts related to the Boston Marathon bombing. PAGE 02

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Tsarnaev guilty beyond a reasonable doubt

Terrorism. A jury must now decide whether he lives or dies.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev stood solemnly and listened, unmoved, at Moakley Federal Court on Wednesday as he was found guilty of all 30 charges brought against him for his role in the April 15, 2013, Boston Marathon bombing and its aftermath.

Seventeen of the charges, including the use of a weapon of mass destruction and conspiracy to bomb a public place, carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Tsarnaev's lawyers opened the proceedings by bluntly admitting "it was him" who planted one of the two pressure cooker bombs at the Boylston Street finish line and three days later shot dead a police officer, kicking off a day of chaos in the Boston area.

Now the jury must decide whether Tsarnaev, 21, will get death or life in prison.

Speaking on behalf of the victims and survivors of the bombings, Karen Brassard said Tuesday's guilty verdict would help get those affected by the tragedy "back to some sense of normalcy."

Standing outside the federal courthouse in South Boston, with a stiff wind and freezing rain whipping off the harbor, Brassard, who was injured by one of the blasts, said the marathon bombings would "always be part of my life."

Brassard thanked prosecutors, FBI and police for their work on the case, saying the bombing survivors and families of the victims were thankful for their work on the case.

"We're obviously grateful for the outcome today," Brassard said. "It's not a happy occasion, but it's something that we can put, you know, one more step behind us."

Brassard thought Tsarnaev appeared to be "arrogant" during the court proceedings. She said he was a grown man who should be able to understand his choices and the consequences that go along with them.

Liz Norden, whose two sons, JP and Paul, lost limbs in the blast, said the guilty verdicts were "what I was hoping for."

The scene outside the courthouse was a media circus. Police used bomb-sniffing dogs to check unattended backpacks. A single man was protesting jihad. He held a sign that read in part: "F— the Islamic terrorists."

Heather Abbott, who lost her left leg below the knee from the bombing, said in a statement: "Nothing can ever replace the lives that were lost or changed forever, but at least there is some relief in knowing that justice is served and responsibility will be taken."

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Dzhokhar Tsarnaev stands in federal court yesterday as he hears the verdicts. SKETCH: JANE FLAVELL COLLINS

Guilty on 30 counts

17 carry the death penalty, including:

- Use of weapons of mass destruction (pressure cooker bombs)
- Conspiracy to bomb a place of public use, resulting in death
- Malicious destruction of property by means of an explosive
- Possession and use of a firearm resulting in death

Q&A

Legal expert weighs in

Suffolk University professor Rosanna Cavallaro teaches criminal law, evidence, professional responsibility and law and literature.

Is the verdict surprising?
Not at all, because they conceded that he did it. The surprise, if any, is in respect to some of the charges that came back guilty, such as the shooting of [MBTA Transit Police Officer Dic Donohue]. The defense highlighted in their motion that there was no evidence that the shooting was carried out by Tsarnaev — that it may have been friendly fire. But the jury didn't hesitate.

Why did it take the jury 12 hours?
When there is a crime of this gravity it is almost disrespectful to be hasty. These people were embroiled in this excruciating trial for weeks. This was their first chance to talk about it and hash it out. I'm sure they needed to vent.

What now?
In the sentencing phase, prosecutors will need to prove that this was the result of elaborate planning and premeditation, or prove that the victim was especially vulnerable — which they have with [8-year-old] Richard Martin. Then the defense has the opportunity to show anything at all that would lessen the penalty. Their ideas are that he's a dumb kid who had a brother with an overpowering personality and he's not as responsible for the attack as his brother.

Will he get the death penalty?
It is anyone's guess. It's a very complex set of dynamics — the closeness to all of us who live in Boston can't be overstated. On the other hand, it is extraordinarily difficult to ask people to sit in a room with 21-year-old man for weeks and then give them the responsibility of sentencing him to death.

But what if he wants to die? He's claimed he wants martyrdom.
That train has left the station. Right now the defense is pouring all their resources into sparing his life. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

Road rage. Son jailed for shooting dad; was headed to rehab

Kymere Corbin / FACEBOOK

Kymere Corbin, 22, has been charged with aggravated assault for the nonfatal shooting of his father while they were driving on the I-76 in West Conshohocken on Tuesday evening.

Corbin, of West Passyunk, shot his father, Elbert Corbin, 41, in the back of the head around 5:45 p.m. Tuesday with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol, reports say, as they were driving a 2010 Buick Lacrosse westbound on the Schuylkill Expressway.

The shooting reportedly followed a "family argument." According to NBC, Corbin's parents were driving him to rehab for drug and mental health treatment at the time of the shooting. He found the gun in the car and shouted, "Look what he gave me!" NBC reported, before he and his father began struggling over the gun, at which point the gun fired.

The incident occurred during heavy rush-hour traffic and backed up cars on both sides of the highway for several hours as police investigated the shooting scene that left Corbin's father, in critical but stable condition.

Corbin's mother, Tanya Bates, was in the front passenger seat of the car and was not hurt.

Corbin was charged with gun charges as well as aggravated assault. He is being held in Montgomery County Prison on a $500,000 cash bail.

He will return to court for a hearing April 20.
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Fire chief: Soto badge was fake

Wannabe. Suburban fire officials say video star didn't make the cut.

Don't need no stinkin' badges

Philadelphia's police union has called for Soto to be prosecuted for impersonating a public servant.

It's not the first time Soto flashed a fake badge to cops.

- In 2011, while on probation, he showed Philly cops a badge that looked real enough that one officer let him go.
- He was arrested minutes later, but the charges were dropped because, by law, someone impersonating a public servant must receive some benefit from the fake badge.
- Philly prosecutors say that's the same reason he is unlikely to face charges in this incident.

A suburban Philadelphia fire chief says the volunteer firefighter badge flashed in a viral video of a traffic stop is fake — it even gets the name of the fire company wrong. Last month, Tony Soto, 28, posted video of himself calmly and eloquently defending himself to a Philadelphia police officer who pulled him over because of the tinted windows of his car.

The video, viewed more than 1.2 million times, was seen by many as a triumph for the little guy. In it, Soto hands the officer a PennDOT letter that seems to allow him to have tinted windows.

Soto then shows what is purported to be a volunteer firefighter badge as part of his identification.

"Firefighter brilliantly shuts down cop who attempts to violate his rights," read the headline on one Internet post. But Soto was neither a volunteer firefighter, nor was the badge he flashed legitimate.

"The badge says Hancock Fire Department, but the real name is the Hancock Fire Company," said Norristown Fire Chief Tommy O'Donnell, who was shown stills of Soto's video by Philadelphia police.

Contacted on Thursday, Soto declined to discuss the badge, saying it was a distraction from what he called "the real issue," which he says is "this officer making a traffic stop and violating an individual's rights."

Philadelphia police say the officer in the video did nothing wrong.

O'Donnell said Soto, who lives in the Northeast section of Philadelphia, applied to become a volunteer firefighter, but was denied because of his criminal history.

Tony Soto / PROVIDED

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Jail. DJ charged with rape, child porn and Peeping Tom pictures

A photographer and DJ who worked children's birthday parties is accused of possessing a cache of child pornography and secretly photographing images of females.

Daniel Milowicki, 28, of West Bradford, was arrested Tuesday by Pennsylvania State Police and charged by Chester County prosecutors with more than 300 felony counts, CBS reported.

Milowicki ran his own business as a photographer and DJ for weddings.

Milowicki was reported to police by a 21-year-old woman he allegedly sexually assaulted.

Daniel Milowicki / PROVIDED

Reports say she came to his home for work as a model after responding to a Craigslist ad he posted, but Milowicki forced her to perform oral sex and videotaped the attack.

Prosecutors say he then allegedly blackmailed the woman into further sexual acts by threatening to release video that he secretly recorded of the assault.

At his home, police reportedly found a pornography collection that included images of girls as young as age 5 and videos that were secretly recorded looking under women's skirts, the Inquirer reported.

He was released from jail after posting $25,000 bail. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Driving. State traffic deaths at historic lows, says PennDot

PennDot says traffic deaths in 2014 were at their lowest level since record keeping began in 1928.

Last year, the state transportation agency said 1,195 people died in traffic accidents, a slight drop from 2013, when 1,208 people died on Pennsylvania roads and 2012 when more than 1,300 people were killed by cars.

Nationally, the number of traffic deaths has been trending downward for several years, a statistic that experts attribute to safer cars and improvements in highway design.

"Obviously, cars are safer now," said Ashley Schoch, a spokeswoman for PennDOT. The seatbelt rate has gone up significant. We've also invested $20 million annually in education and enforcement."

In Pennsylvania, fatal crashes have fallen by more than half since their 1973 peak, when 2,444 were killed. DAN KELLEY

Ethics

Williams hit with $18K fine

Mayoral candidate and state Sen. Anthony H. Williams was ordered to pay an $8,000 fine Wednesday by the city Board of Ethics for violating campaign finance rules, reports say.

Williams allegedly used $63,000 from his senate campaign account and accepted $17,250 in excess contributions. He also must pay $10,000 in city accounting fees. METRO

Crumbling SW Philly bridge to get facelift

The decaying rail bridge at 25th Street and Washington Avenue in Grays Ferry / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

Grays Ferry. The bridge where an oil train partly derailed will be upgraded.

CSX, the train company that runs freight through Philadelphia, announced plans Wednesday to upgrade the 25th Street Viaduct Bridge.

The visibly crumbling but structurally sound bridge that CSX technically owns and which carries freight including crude oil regularly has been a focus for locals' concerns since a January 2014 partial derailment.

Seven tankers at the end of the train, some containing oil, tipped on the rails while crossing the bridge and hung over the Schuylkill River for days.

Following the incident, City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson began making calls on CSX to repair the bridge, which was built in the 1920s.

"CSX has agreed to continue coordinating its plans with my office going forward, to be sure that we maximize the safety of this project for the public and workers alike, and to minimize any impact the construction may have on residents and drivers in the South 25th Street area," Johnson said in a statement announcing the plan.

The multimillion-dollar project is set to begin in 2015 and expected to take five years. The first year of work alone is expected to cost $4 million, a CSX spokesman said.

CSX said repairs will include resurfacing the concrete columns.

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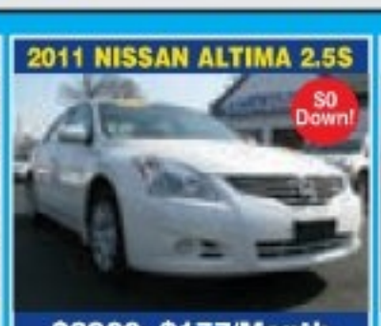

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Man whose death provoked cyberattack died from overdose: Lawyer

A lawyer for two Vineland cops whose personal information was dumped online after a man died in their custody now says they did not cause the death of Phillip White.

Phillip White / PROVIDED

White, 32, died March 31 while police were transporting him to a hospital. Cell phone video shows an officer let a K-9 bite White, who was arrested for disorderly conduct, as he lies prone on the street.

But an attorney for the officers involved, Stuart Alterman, told the Inquirer White was high on PCP and cocaine and died from an overdose.

The hackers' group "Anonymous" released the officers' home addresses Tuesday in response to the arrest and death of White.

But Vineland Police servers were not breached, and the outed officers are not in danger, reports say.

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A Betsy Ross interpreter at the historic home on Arch Street. / MARIA POUCHNIKOVA

Score one more for Betsy Ross supporters

American legend. Researchers believe they've found new evidence that stories of Betsy Ross creating the U.S. flag are true.

The "did she or didn't she" debate over Betsy Ross and the creation of the country's first flag in 1776 has gone on for centuries.

Now, Ross' supporters have this: George Washington knew Ross and her husband, John Ross, because he'd hired the couple two years earlier to do work for his home at Mt. Vernon. Last March, Mt. Vernon associate curator Amanda Isaac found a receipt for "five half joes" made out to a Mr. Ross of Philadelphia for bed furnishings.

The information had been in Mt. Vernon's collection for years, but the discovery was only made recently as curators launched a bedroom-renovation project at the historic home.

"The only Mr. Ross is John Ross, the husband of Betsy Ross," Isaac said. "I was pretty excited."

Even more excited? Lisa Acker Moulder, director of the Betsy Ross House in Philly.

"One of the issues the naysayers raise is: How would this lowly upholsterer know George Washington, of all people? Now we know how. He knew she was good at what she did and it makes perfect sense that he would ask her to make the first American flag," she says.

John Ross died in January 1776. Legend has it that Washington visited his widow about creating a flag five months later. Washington thought a six-pointed star would be best. Ross folded a piece of paper and with one cut created a five-pointed star, the one that eventually went on the flag.

Research by historian Marla Miller, author of "Betsy Ross and the Making of America," shows that Ross' company did work for the federal government in the early 1800s, producing large garrison flags sent to New Orleans and other Mississippi Valley locations.

So Ross was definitely a flag maker. But was she "the flag maker"?

"I think there is probably a germ of truth at the bottom of the whole story," Miller said.

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1 S.C. officer fired after shooting man in back, murder charge

A white South Carolina police officer has been dismissed from his job after being charged with murder for shooting an unarmed black man in the back as he fled, the latest death that has brought protesters out to decry racism and police brutality in the United States.

With dozens of demonstrators in North Charleston protesting the fatal shooting there on Saturday of 50-year-old Walter Scott, which was captured on video by a witness, officials held a tense news conference expressing revulsion and appealing for calm.

"I have been praying for peace, peace for the family and peace for this community," North Charleston Police Chief Eddie Driggers said.

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey told reporters that police officer Michael Slager, 33, had been fired. Summey said the remainder of the police force in North Charleston will soon be equipped with body cameras.

Slager was charged on Tuesday with murder in the death of Scott, the latest of several police shootings of black men in the United States over the past year. REUTERS

PROTEST /GETTY IMAGES

2 Texas teacher in trouble over anti-Islam handout

A Houston-area high school teacher is facing punishment from his school district for allegedly handing out material in a class that called Islam an ideology of war and said it is responsible for beheadings and kidnappings.

"We're disappointed to learn one teacher made independent changes to a lesson plan, resulting in information being given that didn't follow subject matter, or state and local curriculum plans," Mike Rockwood, executive director of community relations for the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District, said on Wednesday. REUTERS

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Airline refunds fares for cancer patient that was removed from flight

A Northern California cancer patient whose removal from an Alaska Airlines flight caused outrage online said on Wednesday that the carrier refunded her family's airfare, which will be donated to research.

In a video posted on her Facebook page, Elizabeth Sedway said she was asked to leave the flight from Lihue Airport in Kauai, Hawaii, to San Jose on Monday after an Alaska Airlines employee said she would need a doctor's note to ensure that it was safe for her to fly. REUTERS

ALASKA AIRLINES

Slow apps, low battery life limit appeal of Apple Watch: reviewers

The Apple Watch, the first new product to be launched by Apple under Chief Executive Tim Cook, will hit stores on April 24.

"For now, the Apple Watch is for pioneers," the Wall Street Journal's Geoffrey Fowler wrote. "I won't pay the $1,000 it would cost for the model I tested, only to see a significant improvement roll in before too long."

Reviews made much of the device's relatively poor battery life — up to 18 hours, according to Apple — and said its apps will need upgrades to load more quickly. REUTERS

Robert Durst indicted on weapons charges

Robert Durst, the real estate scion awaiting extradition to California to face a murder charge, was indicted on weapons charges in New Orleans on Wednesday.

Durst has been charged with the 2000 murder of a longtime friend in Los Angeles County and has sought a swift extradition to face that charge.

He was indicted by a grand jury on two Louisiana charges for illegally possessing a firearm as a felon and for carrying a weapon with a controlled substance, said Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bowman, a spokesman for Orleans Parish District. REUTERS

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Salt in feeding tube

NY woman gets 20 years to life for killing son

A suburban New York mother who blogged about motherhood was sentenced by a judge to 20 years to life in prison on Wednesday for murdering her young son with a salt overdose so she could bask in social media attention about his mysterious illness.

The sentence imposed on Lacey Spears, who chronicled her 5-year-old son's illnesses on a personal blog and other social media, was less than the maximum penalty of 25 years to life requested by the prosecution.

"By not imposing the maximum, I'm exhibiting something you didn't show your son — namely mercy," said Judge Robert Neary in the Westchester County Courthouse in Valhalla.

A jury convicted Spears of second-degree murder in Garnett's 2014 death at Westchester Medical Center.

Assistant District Attorney Doreen Lloyd described Garnett as a normal, healthy child whose illnesses were induced by his mother, who eventually killed him by putting a lethal amount of salt into the hospitalized boy's feeding tube, all the while blogging and posting pictures to Facebook. REUTERS

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"Garnett Spears should be in school today but he's not because his mother murdered him." Lloyd

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New poll. Younger Americans support laws to protect LGBT

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Most younger Americans are in favor of federal laws to protect lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people from discrimination, paving the way for social change, according to a poll by a thinktank.

A poll by policy institute, the Center for American Progress, found 65 percent of Americans ages 18 to 34 supported laws to prevent discrimination LGBT people still suffer in areas such as employment and housing.

So-called millennials, those born after 1980, are an important demographic in U.S. elections and a group that politicians must court to win races in the 2016 elections, the Center said.

"These numbers show that America's rising electorate stands firmly on the side of basic fairness for all people," said Laura E. Durso, director of the Center's LGBT research and communication project.

"In order to remedy the current reality of widespread legal discrimination against LGBT Americans, we will need millennials' leadership and passion to push Congress to enact comprehensive non-discrimination protections," she said.

There have been huge strides in same-sex marriage, which is now legal in 37 states. However, in 29 states it is legal to fire and refuse housing and other services to people based on sexual orientation and gender identity, according to the Center.

Even with the purported fixes to the Indiana law signed late last week, it is still legal to deny housing, employment, and services to LGBT Americans based solely on their sexual orientation and gender identity in roughly 30 states - Indiana included," said Durso.

The backlash triggered by the Indiana law from not only rights groups, but also corporations such as Apple Inc. helped to advance the argument that LGBT discrimination is not only morally wrong, but also bad for business, activists said.

"There's so much data on how this impacts business," Todd Sears, founder of Out on the Street, the first global LGBT leadership organization in the financial industry, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

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LGBT

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There are some 9.5 million LGBT people in the United States.

Johnny Depp and Amber Heard already facing marital woes

And they said it wouldn't last. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Well, that was fast. Barely 60 days into their marriage, Johnny Depp and his "The Rum Diary" co-star and new bride, Amber Heard, are already on the outs, according to In Touch. The tabloid even breathlessly exclaims that the couple is "on the verge of a split," which sounds awfully dramatic. "They're barely talking," a source says. "Amber is constantly worried about him. He'll go days without calling or texting her." Heard is currently in London to start work on "The Danish Girl," while Depp is way off in Australia filming the new "Pirates of the Caribbean" film — and apparently drinking. Like, a lot. "He parties, and it's caused huge fights with Amber. It's been hard for them," the source explains. Man, I really thought these two had what it takes to make it a full six months.

She's all what now?

Who exactly asked for this 'She's All That' remake?

Hollywood is out of ideas. Evidence: The Weinstein Company and Miramax are working on a remake of the 1999 teen rom-com "She's All That," and honestly doesn't Paul Walker's memory deserve better? The update will reportedly be directed by Spike Lee's wife, Tonya Lewis Lee, according to the Wrap. Also, not to get all nitpick-y and film-snobbish, but "She's All That" was already sort of a remake of "My Fair Lady," which was sort of a remake of "Pygmalion," so would this really, truly be a remake? Or just another rehashing of one of western literature's favorite plot lines? Either way, Freddie Prinze Jr. is not a fan: "Tough for writers with original scripts," he tweeted.

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You know, guys, you could always email or Snapchat.

Quelle horreur! Brangelina letters go missing from French estate

Well, this is awkward. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie could see their most intimate secrets revealed if a collection of correspondence between the two that went missing from their home in France two years ago ever surfaces, according to the National Enquirer. Oh, and the whole thing is reportedly Pitt's fault. "Brad went into a panic because he couldn't find them. He's terrified that they were lifted by someone who wants to publicly humiliate them," a source says. OK, sure, that sounds pretty nerve-rattling, but how cute is it that Pitt and Jolie actually still write letters to each other? Ridiculously cute, that's how cute.

Sofia Vergara is talking about her boobs again

Sofia Vergara graces the cover of the latest Vanity Fair, and to celebrate, the "Modern Family" star is more than happy to discuss her, ahem, assets. "My boobs are, like, huge. My whole life, buying a bra was a nightmare," she says. "What I used to do when I moved to L.A., I found places like Frederick's of Hollywood that make bras for streetwalkers … . I can't think of the word … . You know … dancers … strippers. Skinny girls with gigantic boobs." Yes, Ms. Vergara. I know. Also! Don't go being all jealous of her just because of said rack. "Believe me, I wish I had fake boobs. I lay down and they completely go down like all the way. … It's not fun," she says. "Sometimes you read in the press like, 'Oh, Sofia is wearing again the same shape dress,' and I want to answer them and say, 'What the f— do you want me to wear?' Obviously there's a reason why that's what I go for." So there.

EXCUSE ME, I'M DOWN HERE.

Daily video

Worst movie plot twists

The good folks at Watch Mojo have been getting pretty good at top 10 lists, but this may be my favorite. For those not afraid of spoilers, check out the Top 10 Worst Movie Plot Twists, chronicling "the films that you should turn off with 20 minutes left," as they put it. And if you want to get angry all over again about things like "Iron Man 3," "Signs," "The Village" — hey, there's an awful lot of M. Night Shyamalan on this list — or "Now You See Me," this one's for you.

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2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Alec Baldwin is keeping an eye on politics, Samantha Ronson is calling them as she sees them, Justin Bieber is keeping busy, Bette Midler is excited and Lena Dunham is in need of some instruction.

@ABFalecbaldwin: GOP starting lineup is emerging. It looks good….for the Dems.

@samantharonson: If Alanis Morisette doesn't start every tweet, email and text with "You oughta know"… well, she's missing an incredible opportunity.

@justinbieber: Photoshoot

@BetteMidler: Disney is making a live-action "Winnie the Pooh" movie! I'd love to see that casting call, "Portly, hairy, must be willing to go pants-less."

@lenadunham: To whomever can teach me the dance from Tinashe's All Hands On Deck video: your reward awaits you in heaven

6 TO SEE AT CINEDELPHIA

Gill Eeckelaert is half boy, half werewolf in Belgian thriller "Cub." / JOHAN VOETS

Movies. The film fest runs the gamut from art-horror to '80s rock.

Beginning tonight, the Cinedelphia Film Festival takes over PhilaMOCA for its third iteration, with an eclectic array of Philly-centric programming over the next two weeks. This year's theme is the "outsider," which encompasses participants both in front and behind the cameras (and, in many cases, in the audience as well). Amateur filmmakers, obsessive archivists and eccentric subjects will all be represented.

Artsploitation Double Feature

Philly art-horror distributors Artsploitation bring a more cerebrally strange edge to the fest with a pair of recent Belgian thrillers: "Cub" is a dark fairy tale about a camping trip gone wrong, while "The Treatment" offers a disturbing twist on the whodunit. **(April 14, 7:30 p.m., $10)**

As-Seen-On-TV Creature Feature

Exhumed Films recreates the glory days of commercial-interrupted TV horror with a double feature of '70s Paul Naschy films interspersed with vintage television commercials. "Saturday Night Dead" hostess Stella (The Man-Eater of Manayunk) will make a guest appearance. **(April 15, 7:30 p.m., $12)**

'I Am Thor'

This is the Philly premiere of Ryan Wise's documentary on would-be superhero and '80s rock frontman Jon Mikl Thor, tracing a comeback tour sandwiched between a pair of mighty Norse nervous breakdowns. **(April 20, 7:30 p.m., $10)**

Moron Movies Retrospective

Everything is Terrible's Dimitri Simakis hosts a look back at Broomall ad man-turned-filmmaker Len Cella's cult favorite 8mm short films, which enjoyed runs on Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" and Dick Clark's "TV's Bloopers & Practical Jokes." Cella will be in attendance. **(April 24, 7:30 p.m., $10)**

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Documentary

The cast and crew will be at the screening. / PROVIDED

'Vietnam Appreciation Day'

The festival opens with this work-in-progress screening of a new, locally produced documentary about Philly-area Vietnam war re-enactors. A group of young men in green fatigues, many of them frustrated at their inability to serve in the actual military, stage jungle maneuvers within the walls of Revolutionary War-era Fort Mifflin, complete with a Bob Hope impersonator. **(Tonight, 7:30 p.m., $10)**

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CASUAL SEXISM STILL REIGNS AT GEEK CONS

This past weekend was WonderCon, a comics convention full of cosplay, fandom, geekery and, sadly, casual sexism. One of my Legion of Leia writers posted a story about an incident that I hear about far too often. A woman was about to purchase a large and expensive quantity of geeky goodness when she was asked by the vendor, "Is this for your husband?" I mentioned this while on a panel, and after it was over, a bunch of audience members told me the same thing had happened to them.

Casual or unintentional sexism is pretty rampant. You know, the stranger who calls you sweetie, thinking he's being nice. The video game store clerk who asks if the game I'm buying is for my husband or my son. It's mine! My imaginary husband and son can keep their imaginary paws off it!

Geena Davis recently gave a speech where she talked about a study that showed blind auditions for an orchestra make it easier for women to be hired. When the judges could see who was auditioning, men were more likely to be chosen. When the auditions were blind and the stage carpeted so they couldn't hear women's heels, it becomes close to 50/50.

I don't think everyone is doing this on purpose. That's why it's important to make people aware of what casual sexism is and change opinions. Point it out when it happens. Talk about your geekdom. When someone asks you if you're buying that comic book because your boyfriend told you to, explain that you've been a fan forever. Tell the guy who looks incredibly surprised at your passion for "Star Wars" that there are hordes of women out there who love it, too.

By the way, that woman bought an expensive quantity of geeky goodness from someone else.

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Charlie Cox is the man without fear

"Marvel's Daredevil" premieres Friday on Netflix.
BARRY WETCHER, NETFLIX

Interview. The Brit stars in a new series based on the Marvel comic "Daredevil."

If your only exposure to the Daredevil comic book character is the much-maligned Ben Affleck movie, get ready for a change: Netflix's new "Marvel's Daredevil" series, premiering April 10, is bringing a new look to the character. As played by Charlie Cox, the famed blind superhero doesn't yet have his trademark horned outfit, and is something of a gritty street fighter. We checked in with Cox about taking on an iconic character and whether or not he can actually see anything in that costume.

What do you think sets Daredevil apart from other superheroes?
The great thing about the Daredevil character is that he doesn't have any superpowers, so they ground him in reality. One thing that I found quite enjoyable about playing this character is if he gets hit, he bleeds. If he gets cut, he bleeds. He doesn't have unbreakable skin. There isn't any ambiguity about whether you can kill him or not. If you shoot him, he dies, you know? And he's learned to live with this secret, which marks itself as a disability, but it isn't actually a hindrance. He's able to access it and use it in a way so that he can operate better than a seeing person.

CHARLIE COX
GETTY IMAGES

He seems to swing back and forth between being a violent vigilante and the guy who jokes around with his law school buddy.
We meet Matt Murdock at a time of his life where he's on the brink of something. Maybe he doesn't know it at first, but he's beginning the evolution into what we'll come to know as Daredevil. He's quite serious a lot of the time. I don't think he has always been that way or will always be that way, but our Matt Murdock in this season is very conflicted, he's very confused. He's quite frightened at times, which is ironic, because he's known as the one without fear. He's looking for the balance, he's looking for the harmony and he's looking for the way to be who he is becoming.

How good is the visibility in the hood?
It depends — you know, in broad daylight it's pretty good, you can see almost everything through it. Obviously a lot of the occupational hazard of a hooded superhero is that you go out at nighttime. [Laughs] So the visibility isn't quite as good, but you adapt to it.

Will we see the more iconic Daredevil costume this season?
You'll see it in the first season. Unfortunately, I can't tell you when, but there will be an evolution from that early costume into something that is more recognizable to the traditional Daredevil costume.

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Nemeses

Superheroes and supervillains

Every superhero has to have his nemesis, and Daredevil is certainly no exception. Facing off against Charlie Cox's Matt Murdock is Wilson Fisk, or the Kingpin, as he's also known. Played by Vincent D'Onofrio, Fisk is a man of refined tastes, whose methods may differ from Murdock's, but who ultimately seems to want the same thing: a better neighborhood. We talked to him about moving to Netflix and who the real villain is here.

Vincent D'Onofrio is Wilson Fish in Netflix's "Daredevil."
BARRY WETCHER, NETFLIX

How does this show feel different from your experience with network television on "Law and Order"?
I don't think of it as series television. It's completely different. And I knew that. It's funny because it's not that long ago, but you look back on that and it seems prehistoric, that whole approach. Network television is a monster. It's an absolute monster. You can do good stuff. We did good stuff for a few years on that show, but the work becomes so much a part of the stamina you need to do it, that [the stamina] becomes what you need to survive. Whereas when you do something like this, it's all creative.

Fisk is an unusual villain, in that we get to see him have a life outside of his criminal career.
And how interesting is that? You get to play this complicated character who's not black and white, who is falling in love with the woman who's going to be the woman in his life for the rest of his life, and at the same time, he's dealing with all this other stuff that he believes in.

What's the most important thing to know about Fisk?
Fisk is honest. He's true to himself. And he has a vision for the city. He wants to make Hell's Kitchen a better place, and New York a better place to live in. He's very introverted and lonely. And the Fisk in our story, you get to see that, and you get to see him evolve.

So he's got similar goals to Daredevil, but he goes about it in a different way.
I think in a better way than Daredevil does.

Wilson Fisk: a better hero than Matt Murdock?
He's the one everybody should believe in.

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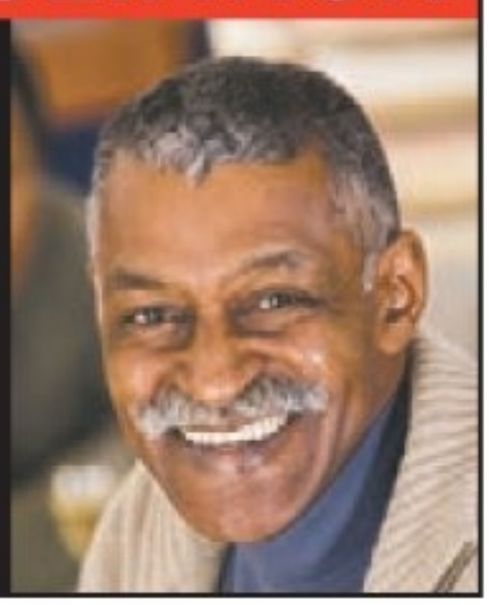

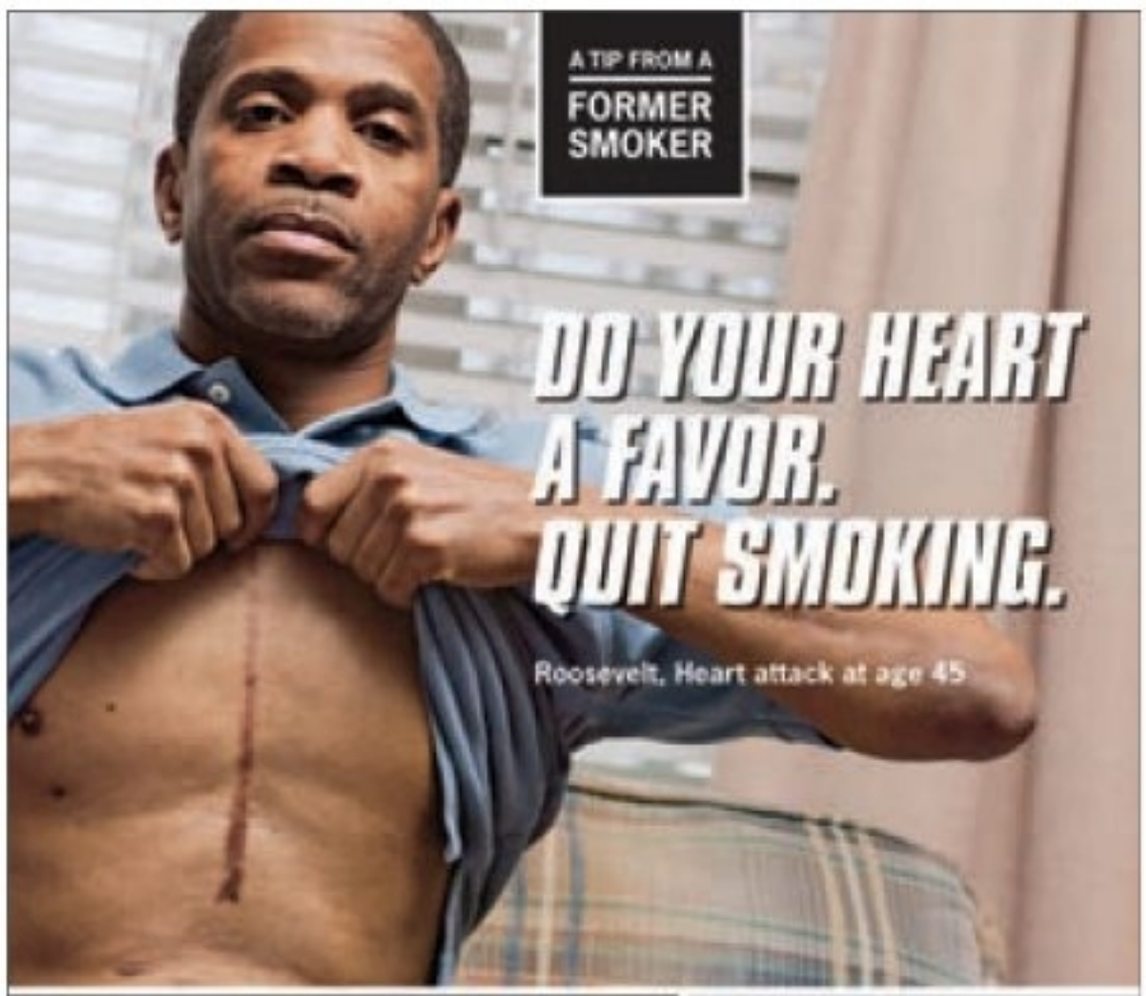

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One teen's fight against her so-called destiny

Coming of age. Author Aisha Saeed tells us about her harrowing, moving debut novel.

Aisha Saeed / PROVIDED

As a teenager growing up in Florida in the late '90s, the Pakistani-American writer Aisha Saeed knew better than to try to do certain things some of her friends took for granted. "I didn't even ask about going to prom," she says. "I wasn't allowed to have a boyfriend."

But for other friends, the restrictions went even deeper. Saeed weaves some of their stories into her book.

Arranged marriages

"I had a friend and when we were 14 she said to me, 'I have a secret,'" Saeed says. "And the secret was that she had a fiance who was 10 years older. At the time I didn't know what it meant, and I thought it was like having a boyfriend."

When her friend turned 18 and the wedding day approached, "she didn't want to do it," recalls Saeed, now 35. "But she was afraid her parents were going to disown her. I had a lot of friends and none of them really went to college because they got married instead."

Watching her friends go through these experiences (and several subsequent divorces), inspired "Written in the Stars." In the novel, 17-year-old Naila, a college-bound senior with a promising future, is whisked off to Pakistan by her family when they discover she secretly had a boyfriend.

Overcoming your 'destiny'

Naila eventually escapes — though she suffers physical and emotional scars from the ordeal.

"The title of the book is 'Written in the Stars' because that's just how it is — it's kismet, it's destiny," Saeed says. "But just because something bad happens to you, that doesn't mean that's your [ultimate] destiny. You just have to fight a little bit more."

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Pureed, fried or grilled, cauliflower is the (surprisingly nutritious) ingredient of the moment. RACHEL VIGODA

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The cauliflower is subtle in Iron Chef Jose Garces' lauded From the Garden dish — but then again, so is everything else in this delicately balanced salad made with carrots, curried raisons, pistachio puree, Meyer lemon puree, goat cheese, duck skin crumble and almond milk crisps. It's on both the six-course and 12-course prix fixe menus.

Zahav

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Michael Solomonov's modern Israeli restaurant does a fried cauliflower for the mezze (small plates) menu that gets raves in every review. It even earned a Food & Wine magazine Best Restaurant Dishes of 2008 nod when Zahav opened. The dish is served with labaneh, a Middle Eastern yogurt, blended with chive, dill, mint and garlic.

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You almost don't want to waste room on the sides at Luke Palladino's first Philly restaurant, but take one less bite of that butternut squash ravioli to make space for the roasted cauliflower with garlic, chilies and parsley. Or come in for a cocktail and an order of the cauliflower and zucca, coated in lemon tempura batter.

Bing Bing Dim Sum

1648 E. Passyunk Ave.
This new spot from the Cheu Noodle guys is another inventive rift on Asian cuisine, so it's no surprise everyone talks about the oversized soup dumplings and the pan-fried bao. But don't miss out on the fried cauliflower, made with a dried shrimp "salt," lemon and scallion.

JASON VARNEY

Eat with the seasons

Chef Jeff Michaud of the Vetri Family talks about buying fresh at the 2015 Philly Farm and Food Fest.

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More than 150 local farmers and food artisans will fill the Convention Center on Sunday for the 2015 Philly Farm and Food Fest, which is back for its fourth year. The event is organized by Fair Food Philly and the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture. CHRISTOPHER LANDY, INSET: PROVIDED

Local farmers get a chance to show off their goods this Sunday at the 2015 Philly Farm and Food Fest, kicking off at 11 a.m. at the Convention Center.

More than 150 vendors coming from within a 100-mile radius will be vying to win over chefs and restaurateurs — and for $20, you can sample and shop your way through them. There will also be a CSA Pop-Up Shop, cooking demos, and the crowd-favorite Local Libations Lounge (entry is $10; 21+).

James Beard Award winner Jeff Michaud, chef/partner in the Vetri Family, is hosting one of the demos, using a recipe from his cookbook "Eating Italy." Vetri Family restaurants include Amis, Osteria, Pizzeria Vetri, Alla Spina, Lo Spiedo and, of course, the nationally acclaimed Vetri. We chatted with Michaud about the benefits of eating locally and seasonally.

How much are the menus influenced by what's local and in season?

One hundred percent. We'll hold off on changing our menu until we know what's going to be ready. Right now we're hoping peas, fava beans and artichokes come into season.

How do you decide which local farmers to work with?

We've been using Green Meadow Farm for about 15 years. They're reliable. With some, it's harder to get produce on a steady basis. And because many of them are coming from Lancaster and have to get into the city, they have to charge more than a regular food distributor. But we always want to support artisan farmers.

Has eating locally and seasonally become important to diners too?

The big farm-to-table movement in the United States — it's definitely growing. It's something that's been done in Europe for thousands of years, and now Americans are catching on. [Laughs] American's are becoming savvy to it. Not that some people haven't been doing it here for a while — but now there's a name for it.

Sign up for a CSA

"When you go to the supermarket, you're getting stuff that's been picked under-ripe and put in coolers, and by the time it gets to the shelves, the fruit or vegetable has already been traveling for a month," Michaud explains. "The farmers, they pick it, and you're getting it the next day."

But you could be getting the same things cheaper.

The farmers are farming by the seasons. It's not like we're in California, where you can get fresh tomatoes 52 weeks a year. When your purveyors are coming to you with something that's out of season, it may be good, but it's not on that extra level. When we want a tomato, we want to get it in tomato season. It's gotta be the best possible tomato. I want it to be juicy and beautiful with a lot of flavor.

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MOVIES

'The Wind Rises'

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Claudia Cohen Hall
3620 Walnut St.
Free, 267-348-0250
www.subarucherryblossom.org
Penn is screening this 2013 animated biopic by Hayao Miyazaki, which tells of the ups and downs in the life of Japanese aeronautical engineer Jiro Horikoshi, designer of the Mitsubishi A5M. The film was Miyazaki's first solo directing effort since 2008, and it was a great success for the legendary filmmaker, grossing more than any Japanese film of 2013 and even scoring an Oscar nomination.

CONVENTION

KPOP-alypse-KON 2015

Friday and Saturday
International House
3701 Chestnut St.
$25-$60, 215-387-5125
www.ihousephilly.org
This convention, the first-ever of its kind in Philadelphia, is for fans of Korean pop culture, covering music, video games, comics, movies, fashion, food and ephemeral kitsch of all sorts. Attendees can check out vendors, panels, live performances and everything else you'd demand from a full-on fan convention — but crammed into two days, just like people in Seoul cram themselves into those tiny apartments.

DANCE

JJ TIZIOU

Cosas de Mujeres

Friday through Sunday
Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, 3401 Filbert St.; $16-$20, 800-838-3006; pasionyarte.brownpapertickets.com
The flamenco ensemble Pasion y Arte presents this installation dance piece exploring the meaning of the accoutrements of the female flamenco dancer, including the fan, shawl and long train, at a time when traditional notions of gender are facing challenges from many ideologies. The piece features original music written and performed live by San Francisco-based flamenco artist Ricardo Diaz.

GOING OUT

Shots for Shots

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Tavern on Broad
200 S. Broad St.
$10, 215-241-5738
www.una-gp.org
Have a few drinks to support Shot@Life, the United Nations Foundation's global campaign to vaccinate children who might otherwise go unvaccinated. They'll be offering half-priced drinks and $4 "signature shots." Don't listen to those fringe characters bad-mouthing vaccines — vaccines save lives! And why not get a little buzz on while helping to save those lives?

THEATER

'Penelope'

Through April 26
Prince Music Theater
1412 Chestnut St.
$25-$30, 215-454-9776
inisnuatheatre.ticketleap.com
Inis Nua Theater presents Edna Walsh's re-imagining of part of Homer's "The Odyssey." The suitors of Penelope, who's still holding out for the return of her husband Odysseus from the Trojan War, hang out in an empty swimming pool, wondering when she's going to give up. It's a bit like a very messed up episode of "The Bachelorette."

'The Shadow of a Gunman'

Thursday through April 25
Adrienne Theater
2030 Sansom St.
$15-$25, 800-838-3006
www.brownpapertickets.com
Irish Heritage Theater performs this play by Sean O'Casey, a tragicomedy set in 1923, during the Irish War for Independence. Donal, a would-be poet, takes advantage of his neighbor's mistaken suspicion that he's a member of the IRA, becoming the most popular guy in town. When he has to put his money where his mouth is, however, things get a lot less funny.

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Sundays on Stage

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May 3
Horn's Punch & Judy Show
Professor Horn captures the wonder and pure imagination of childhood with his clever comedy magic, novelty routines, and his laugh-out-loud funny Punch & Judy puppet show.

May 10
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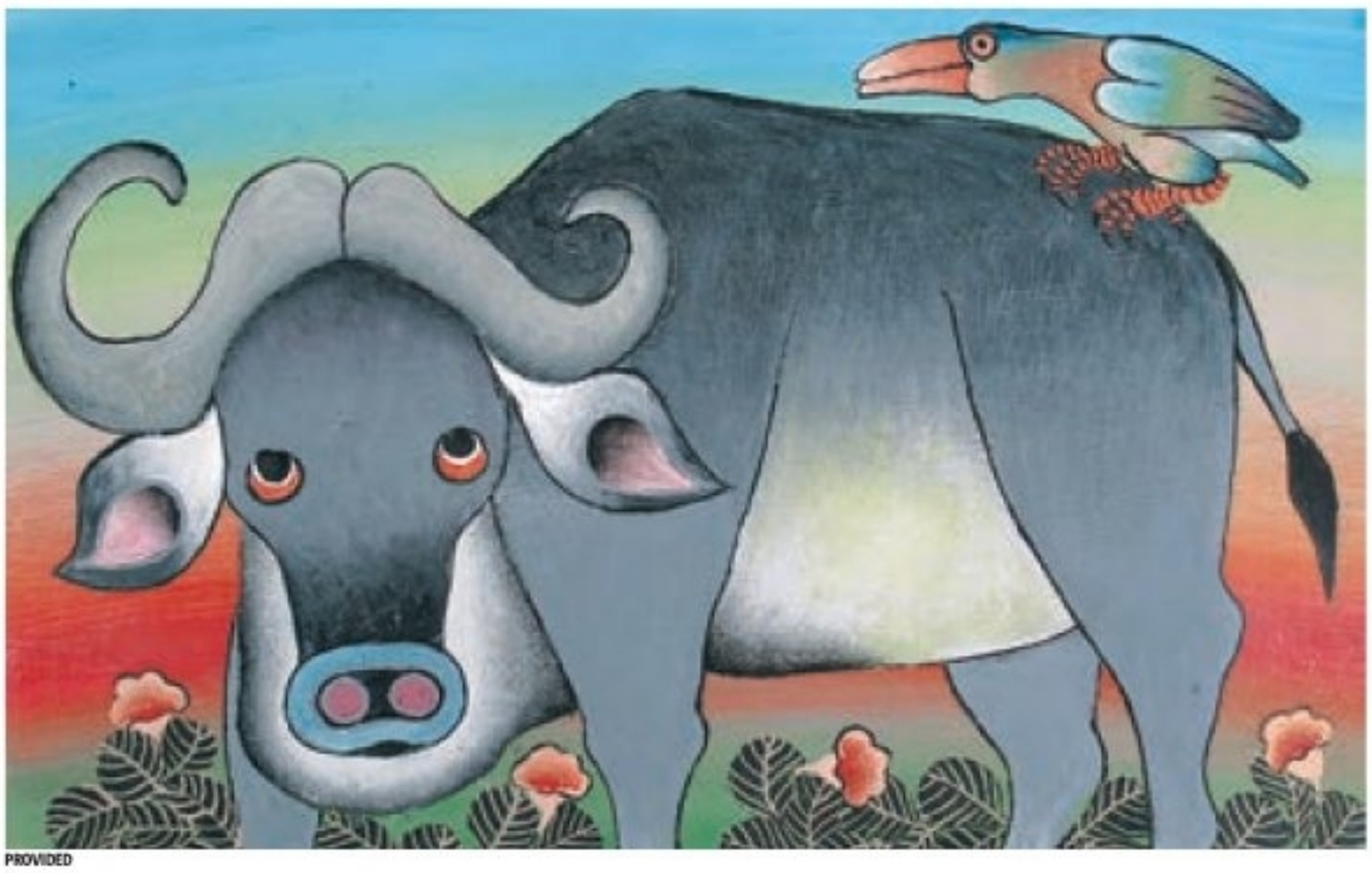

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Tinga Tinga Today: Tanzanian Popular Art in Transition

Thursday through July 31
Indigo Arts, 1400 N. American St.; Free, 215-765-1041; www.indigoarts.org
The Tanzanian Tinga Tinga genre is geared toward European and American tourists, usually depicting cartoon animals. It originated in the late 1960s with the artist Edward Saidi Tingatinga, who made his works with bicycle paint on masonite. In the years since his death, other artists have evolved his humorous, brightly colored, kitschy folk art style.

MUSIC

PROVIDED

Sufjan Stevens

Thursday and Friday
Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St.; $35-$40, 215-893-1999; www.kimmelcenter.org
Sufjan Stevens earned his status as one of indie pop's premiere wunderkinds in 2005 with his masterpiece "Illinois"; he followed it up by delving into electronic sounds on his 2010 epic "The Age of Adz," which presented an edgy, dissonant contrast to his previously gentle, folksy sound. His latest, "Carrie and Lowell," an apparent return to form, dropped in March.

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MUSIC

Robert Rich

Saturday, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Church
3916 Locust Walk
$15, 866-777-8932
www.ticketweb.com
Ambient musician Robert Rich got an early start, building his first synthesizer at the age of 13, and he's barely rested since, even while performing for sleeping audiences early in his career — performances that would last up to nine hours, seeping into the audience's unconscious.

COMEDY

Laugh MS Away

Saturday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Helium Comedy Club
2031 Sansom St.
$25, 800-838-3006
www.brownpapertickets.com
This fund-raiser for the Multiple Sclerosis Research Institute includes stand-up sets from Artie Lang, Chris Cotton and other special guests. Cotton's involvement has a personal dimension — his mother was already suffering from the disease when he was born and eventually lost her life to it.

BOOKS

Ryka Aoki

Saturday, 7 p.m.
Big Blue Marble
551 Carpenter Ln.
Free, 215-844-1870
www.bigbluemarblebooks.com
Transgender novelist Ryka Aoki will read from her novel "He Mele A Hilo: A Hilo Story," a sometimes surreal tale set in Hawaii. She'll be joined by fellow trans writers novelist Dane Edidi and poet Tyler Vile.

FOOD

Manayunk StrEAT Food Festival

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
4312 Main St.
Free, 215-482-9565
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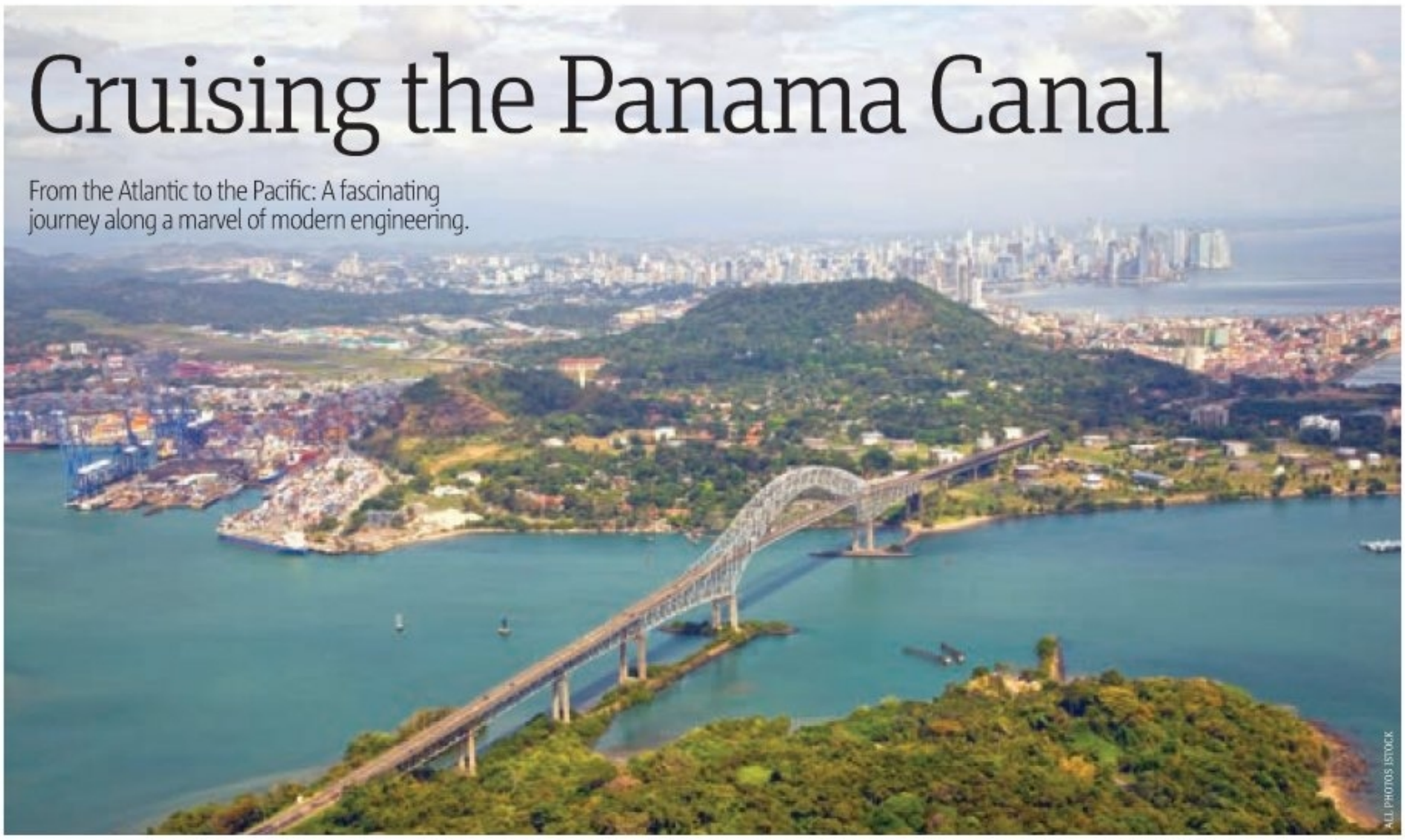

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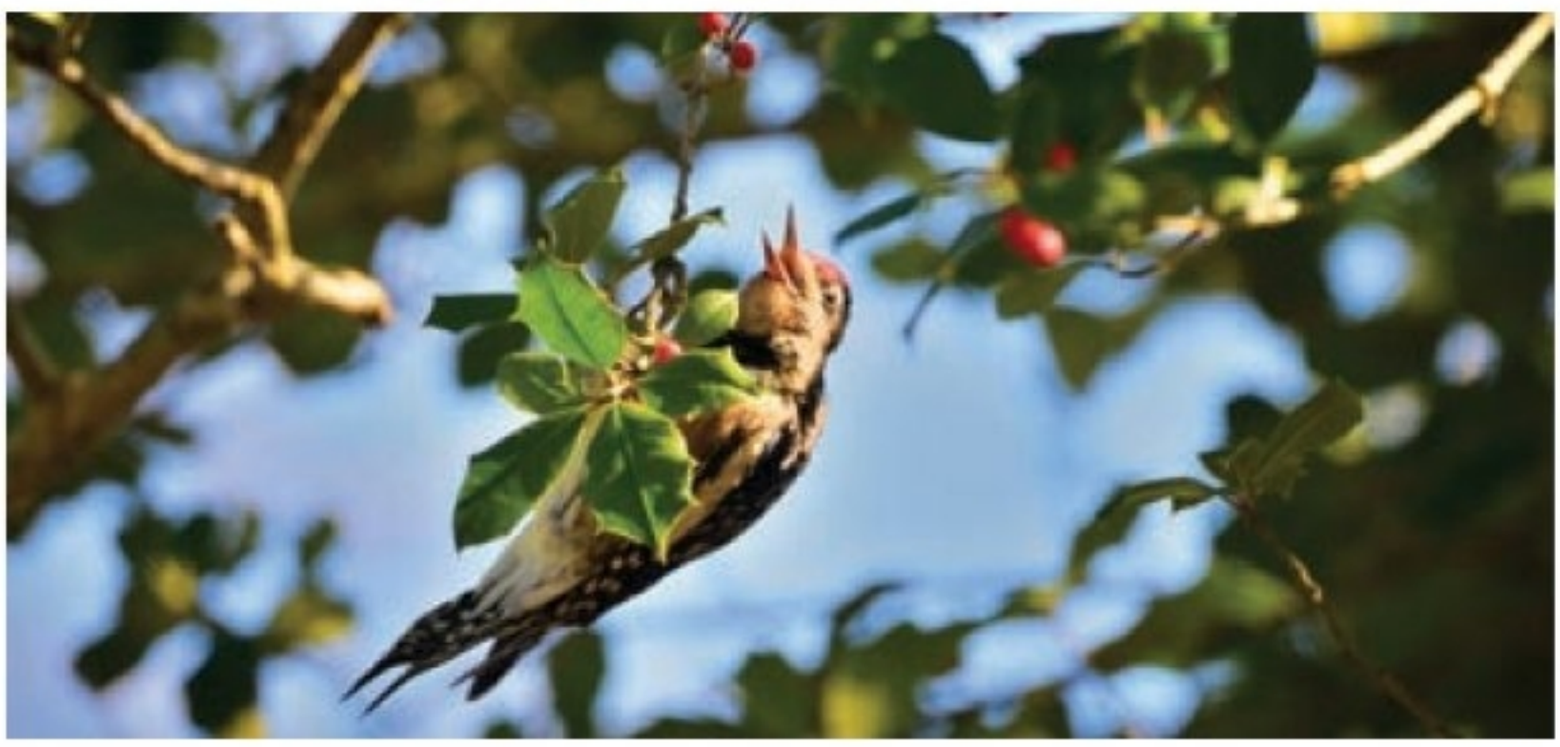

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Cruising the Panama Canal

The canal and coast

The Panama Canal is one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, and more than a million ships have traversed it since it opened in August 1914.

The canal was designed to let ships travel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans with a passage through Central America — an incredibly efficient alternative to sailing around South America. And that's exactly what cruise ships use it for. Typically, itineraries start on the East Coast, often in Florida. Then they hit a few Caribbean islands, pass through the canal, and end the trip on the other side. As a result, passengers tend to be on the older side, since the trip requires so much time. Sailings often end in West Coast cities, such as Los Angeles and Vancouver, which serve as a big reward at the end of a long trip.

It's a popular itinerary, especially for cruisers with bucket lists.

> The Panama Canal lets ships travel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

About 40 vessels travel through the canal each day. And while for the majority of cruise passengers a trip through the canal is an unforgettable experience, it's important to note that it usually takes a full 24 hours to sail through it, with much of that time spent waiting in line with dozens of other ships.

The canal, which is managed by Panama, is continuously being upgraded, so it is common to see construction from your balcony or up on deck. One of the latest projects is a $5.25 billion development including the addition of two new locks that are longer, wider and have a deeper draft, allowing longer cruise ships to make the transit.

The 24 hours of transit is a quiet time for cruise ships, as the vessel passes through the series of three locks quite slowly. Millions of gallons of water from nearby lakes are used to fill the lock, raising the ship to the next level. Most lines have engineering experts or historians to walk passengers through the process.

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Tips

Three things to remember about Panama Canal cruises:

1 It isn't pretty: There isn't much to see during the transit — just a few nondescript buildings can be seen on the shore. You don't get the gorgeous jungle scenery like you do elsewhere in Panama.

2 It's slow: Bring plenty to read, especially if you're on a smaller ship, as only the larger ships offer a variety of onboard entertainment choices during the day.

3 You can't see much of the mechanics: The engineering of the locks is mind-boggling, but it's not something you can get a great look at from onboard the ship. Do some research in advance, so you have an understanding of how the system works.

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The peninsula that makes up Delaware and the parts of Maryland and Virginia east of the Chesapeake Bay is along the route of migrating birds. The 20th Annual Delmarva Birding Weekend, April 23 to 26, is a chance to see hundreds of different species as they head north along the Atlantic Flyway.

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The landscape is amazingly diverse. It includes the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, wildlife refuges, beaches, thickets, barrier islands, cypress swamps and forests. You can expect to see over 200 species of birds. The checklist reads like a guide by Roger Tory Peterson, with warblers, raptors, eagles, osprey, gulls, terns and waterfowl. The schedule is filled with guided walks, paddle and boat trips, along with "owl prowls" and other nocturnal adventures. Visitors gather for unofficial "bird tallies" each night at participating breweries and restaurants.

The website, **www.delmarvabirding.org**, has details of excursions, as well as links to hotels and other travel needs.

Along with birds, Delaware celebrates garden bugs that weekend — the ladybug, to be specific. The 15th Annual Bug and Bud Festival (www.downtownmilford.org) in Milford, Delaware, on April 25, is considered one the country's top "local finds" festivals.

Some 40 years ago, Milford's school kids led the effort to have the ladybug recognized as Delaware's Official State Insect. The small town (population 9,000) is also designated a Tree City USA because of its efforts in urban forestry.

The festival, held along the Mispillion River, is family-themed. There's a costumed parade, decorated paddleboats in the river, a children's art show, lots of "green-themed" hands-on nature activities, a canoe/kayak/paddleboard race and over 100 arts and crafts vendors.

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Express your outgoing attitude, and strive to be in a good mood. Get involved in events that will lead to friendships.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
Your quest for change will drain your bank account. Rather than spend money on unnecessary items, put your cash in a safe place.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
If you feel you may be moving in a different direction than the people around you, you should determine what could be done to revive the connection.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Career and travel are highlighted. Advancement will head your way if you are willing to make the necessary changes.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Focus on your creative talents and stretch your boundaries. Classes that provide you with the stimulation you crave will lead to friendships.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Before you reconnect with someone, remember how the friendship ended. Focus on meeting someone more like you.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Your empathetic nature makes you a good friend. However, you run the risk of burning out if you try to do too much for too many.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Step into the limelight. Your charm and talent will impress the people you meet along the way. A partnership is imminent.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your emotions will escalate. Avoid getting involved in sensitive issues that could end in a dispute. Find a quiet corner where you can enjoy peace.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You stand to profit if you take advantage of a moneymaking opportunity. Long-term savings will prove to be lucrative.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Discussions with people who share your interests will turn out well, as will taking advantage of an opportunity to travel.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Don't settle for less when you could have more. Look into your options and prepare to make a move. Raise your standard of living.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters to the editor

Don't give him the chance to do more harm

Re: 'Bishops speak out against execution' (Metro.us, April 8) Handing out leaflets to spare Tsarnaev's life because he "will never again cause harm" represents unfounded optimism on the part of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts. Tsarnaev has shown absolutely no remorse for his loathsome crimes, and 50 years in prison is likely provide him with untold opportunities to radicalize other inmates to a path of hatred and murder. The death penalty would be the only way to truly "neutralize" him.

ROBERT SUNDEL, VIA EMAIL

Don't bring U.S. back

Re: 'Rand Paul vows to "take our country back" in 2016 bid' (Metro, April 8) Yeah, back to 2008 when the words "near Depression" were mentioned every night on the news including Fox? Back to when the Dow was limping along at 6500 (now nearly 18,000)? Back to when we were losing hundreds of thousands of jobs a month? Time and space preclude listing a whole lot more when the GOP was in control. Americans have seen the difference between a Democratic president and a GOP man and they have NO intention of going back. Americans will not go "back" in 2016 but will vote to continue policies that treat all people equally. LARRY BLONG

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Crossword

Across
1 Ante up
4 Cotillion honorees
8 Pickle or salt
12 Invited
13 Jai —
14 Battery's "+" end
16 Piece of sugar
17 Warble
18 Unmitigated
19 Spinks defeater
20 Ancient seafaring people
22 Wood cutter
24 Bird-feeder treat
25 7 and 9
26 Predicament
28 Class
31 Hibachi residue
34 Machu Picchu locale
35 Prepare eggs
36 Caviar source
37 Extreme edge
38 Writer — Rice
39 Debtors' notes
40 Redding of soul
41 Almond confection
42 Pea soup
43 Dele canceler
44 Contend
45 Ocean fish
47 Place of development
51 Chemist's reading matter? (2 wds.)
55 Hot time in Paris
56 It brings tears to your eyes
57 Con merchant
58 Grad
59 Jalopy
60 Garfield's housemate
61 Long-gone bird
62 Mythical archer
63 Conductor's baton
64 Wool supplier

Down
1 Zahn or Abdul
2 Own up to
3 "You bet!"
4 Raced off
5 George who was a she
6 Harmful thing
7 Gesture
8 Political gathering
9 Free
10 Day-to-day events
11 Idyllic place
12 Humdrum
15 Pause fillers
20 Profs, usually
21 Campaign topic
23 Sorority sisters
26 Kind of raise
27 Joule fractions
29 Dust bunny
30 Swiss painter Paul —
31 "Get real!" (2 wds.)
32 Scare the chickens
33 More arrogant
34 Mr. Sampras
35 Sounded sheepish
37 Casts a ballot
41 Wharf
43 Real stinkers?
44 Turned sharply
46 BP merger partner
47 Where Cadiz is
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54 Non-soap opera
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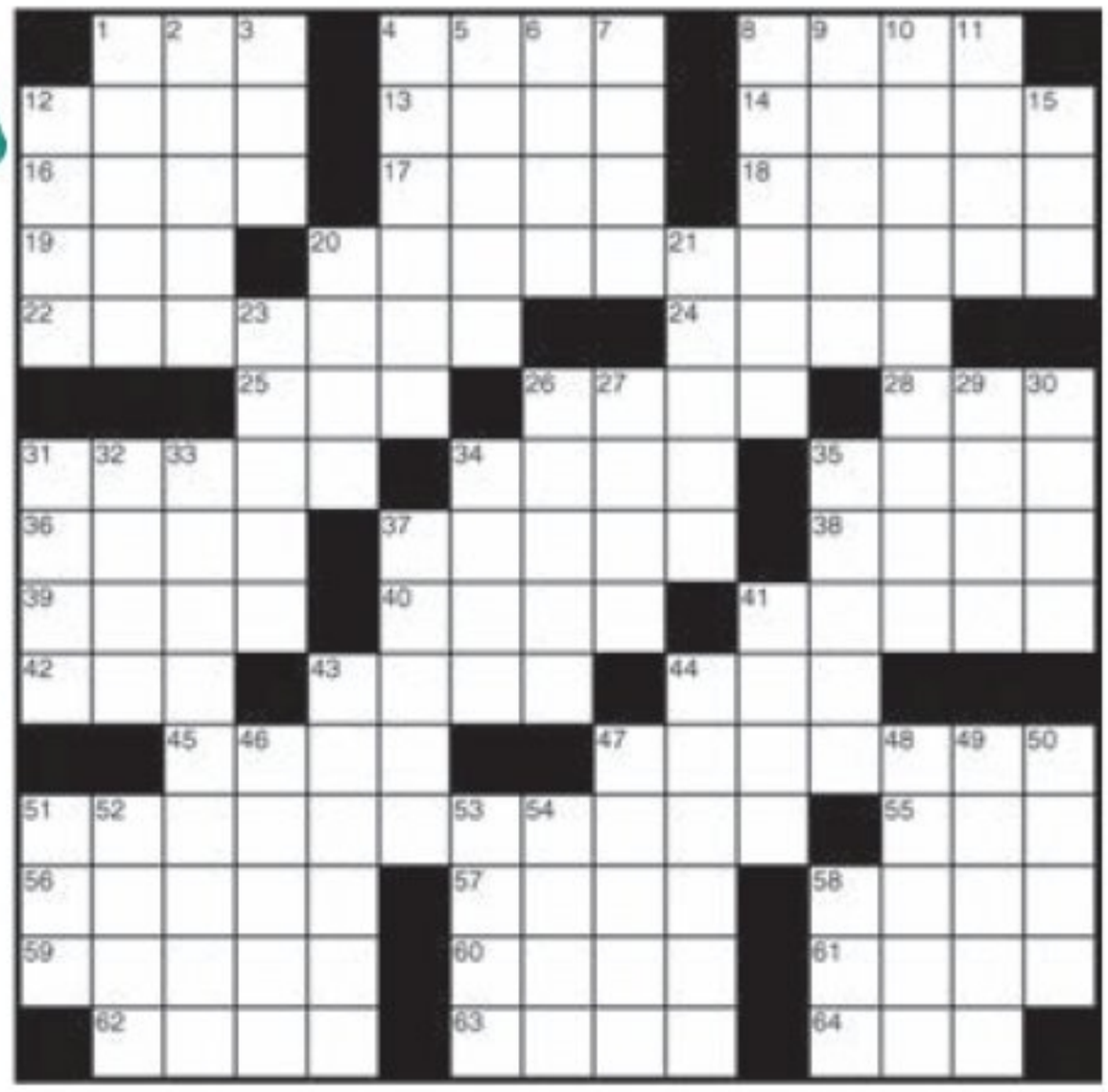

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Veterans, young guns set to vie for Masters crown

Golf. Who will carry on the "tradition unlike any other"?

Rory McIlroy, the No. 1 golfer in the world right now, is a Masters victory away from having a career Grand Slam. But Augusta National is still intimidating to him.

"The first tee shot of this tournament is the only shot I get nervous about these days," he said. "You get butterflies and your heart races a little bit. I still get that feeling that I did when I was a rookie."

Tiger Woods has not won a green jacket since 2005, and inching toward 40, a healthy and well-practiced Woods knows he won't have many more chances at a jacket.

"Competing is still the same," he said. "I'm trying to beat everybody out there. That hasn't changed. I prepare to win and expect to go and do that. The only difference is that I won the Masters when Jordan [Speith, age 21] was still in diapers. The difference is that guys are now younger, a whole other generation of kids are coming out."

And Phil Mickelson, who is chasing his fourth title, has good reason to be confident as the start of the tournament approaches Thursday morning.

"If it was chilly in the morning, I would pull it out," Mickelson joked with pride about his green jacket. "I wouldn't carry three [green jackets] around with me, but I would say, 'I've got two more if you're cold.'"

Will one of golf's three biggest names be atop the leaderboard when the sun starts to set Sunday?

McIlroy, who hasn't played well (or often) yet this season, is the Vegas pick to win, garnering 6-1 odds. Second behind him, not surprisingly, is Speith (8-1), who has turned his third season on tour into his best in just four months. He has two victories, at the Valspar Championship and Hero World Challenge.

Bubba Watson, a two-time Masters champion, has an 11-1 chance to win, with oddsmakers likely citing his length and ability to recover from pine straw anywhere on Augusta National.

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Jordan Speith has two wins and seven top-10 finishes in 10 starts this season.

PHIL MICKELSON HAD A GOOD START LAST WEEK IN TEXAS AND HOPES HE CONTENDS AGAIN THIS WEEKEND. GETTY IMAGES

Masters groupings

The tournament gets underway Thursday morning. Here's a look at some of the notables.

- Patrick Reed, Keegan Bradley, Ian Poulter — 9:02 a.m.
- Bubba Watson, Justin Rose — 9:24 a.m.
- Adam Scott, Dustin Johnson — 9:35 a.m.
- Phil Mickelson, Rory McIlroy, Ryan Moore — 10:41 a.m.
- Jordan Speith, Henrik Stenson, Billy Horschel —1:15 p.m.
- Tiger Woods, Jamie Donaldson, Jimmy Walker — 1:48 p.m.

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NBA melee

NBA players arrested

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The best of the Flyers in 2015

NHL. Metro picks its top performers as the Flyers' disappointing 2015 season comes to a close.

The Philadelphia Flyers will be handing out their season awards before the team's season finale with Ottawa on Saturday.

With just two games left, here are Metro's picks for who should win the hardware.

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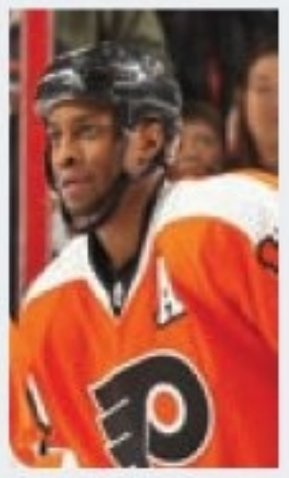
Bobby Clarke Trophy (MVP): Steve Mason

The Flyers goalie had the best season of his career. The win-loss totals (18-17-11 heading into Thursday's game against the Hurricanes) don't measure up but they are deceiving due to a lack of offensive support. Barring a poor finish in the final two games, Mason will finish with his best goal-against average and save percentage (.928) of his career, which ranks third in the league. While this award could easily go to Jakub Voracek, who leads the NHL in assists and is two points off the scoring leaders, Mason was the reason the Flyers had any sniff at the playoffs in late March, and on most nights even a chance to win.

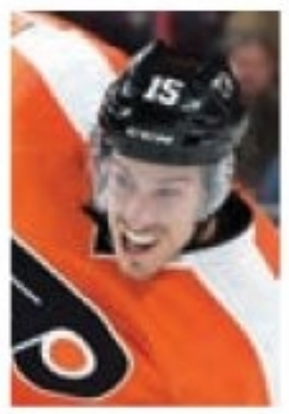


Gene Hart Memorial Award (Player with the Most Heart): Wayne Simmonds — The forward will probably finish as the team leader in goals for the second straight year but it's not because he possesses sniper-like skills. Simmonds, who did show an uncanny knack for scoring in shootouts this season, earned his goals doing the dirty work in the trenches, especially on the power play. Had it not been for a late-season lower-body injury, he would have likely set a career high in goals.

Yanick Dupre Class Guy Memorial Award: Jakub Voracek — The first-time All-Star should win this award for the second straight year. His does a ton of charitable work, especially with kids, and has earned the respect of teammates and opponents.

Barry Ashbee Award (Best Defenseman): Nick Schultz

Originally signed as a seventh or eighth defenseman, the veteran stepped into the lineup in the second game of the year for an injured Braydon Coburn and never left. He didn't bring much offense to the table (2 goals, 13 assists) but provided steady play as a stay-at-home defenseman. He is a plus-2 and has been the team's most consistent blue-liner.



Pelle Lindbergh Memorial Trophy (Most Improved) Michael Del Zotto — The Flyers defenseman spent almost the entire summer unsigned until Ron Hextall gave him a call. However, the reason the Flyers GM reached out was he desperately needed a puck-carrying defenseman after Kimmo Timonen was diagnosed with blood clots. The move has paid off as the former Ranger and Predator has resurrected his career. He went into Thursday's game with 10 goals and 22 assists.

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King of the Hill

Perhaps we should have seen the Jimmy Graham trade coming. Coach Sean Payton has been raving about Josh Hill for months, calling him "exactly what we're looking for." Although Hill is a former UDFA out of Idaho State, he would have been drafted if he had gotten a combine invite. The catch-first tight end has 4.66 speed and a 36.5-inch vertical at 6-feet-5, 250 pounds. Note that he's scored six touchdowns on just 30 career NFL catches, giving him the red-zone chops we desire in fantasy tight ends.

Mount Seferian rumbling

Another tight end sneakily gaining steam this offseason is Austin Seferian-Jenkins. Although he had just 21 catches as a rookie, the Bucs reportedly believe that number can spike to 60 this season. It's a realistic projection as ASJ will be playing every down, will benefit from all the attention Mike Evans and Vincent Jackson will draw and is now working with TE-maximizing offensive coordinator Dirk Koetter. A second-year leap for Seferian-Jenkins is more likely than one for, say, Eric Ebron.

The 'other' Murray

DeMarco Murray is obviously an ideal fit in Chip Kelly's downhill, fast-break offense. Oakland's Latavius Murray will be much sneakier. New Raiders OC Bill Musgrave said he's going to "tailor" the run game for Murray, a size/speed freak who averaged 5.17 YPC on his 72 rushes last season. Things stayed clean in free agency, as the Raiders only added third-down back Roy Helu and an inept Trent Richardson. They also signed stud center Rodney Hudson away from the Chiefs, upgrading the run game's outlook even further.

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